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### THE TUNNEL HORROR.

The investigation of the Fourth Avenue Tunnel horror, which begins to-day, should be most thorough, and after it should come prompt action by the Grand Jury. The accident which happened near the same spot on September 22d, 1890, was almost as horrible as that of Friday, and although the blame was placed nothing came of it. Here is part of the Grand Jury's presentation at that time:

We find that the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company is guilty of gross and criminal negligence in failing to provide in said tunnel sufficient appliances for the signaling of trains, and in failing to provide a sufficient number of employees to carry out such provisions as the rules require to be taken in such circumstances, and in failing to enforce the same.

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We find, on personal examination, that the condition of the tunnel is such as to be a constant menace to the public, and that the same should be immediately remedied.

With this warning a second accident occurred, with a still greater loss of life.

This time let there be punished whoever is guilty, in spite of wealth or position.

There are a few facts about the Fourth Avenue Tunnel and its ownership by the New York Central Railroad Company that the public should be informed of.

First, the New York Central Railroad runs large profits through the use of Fourth Avenue.

The city contributed something like \$5,000,000, half of the expense of construction of the tunnel, which only benefits the New York Central Railroad.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad whose trains collided on Friday pays big rent to the New York Central Railroad for the privilege of using this tunnel.

Considering these facts, aside from the question of humanity, if it is the saving of expense that keeps the tunnel dark and unventilated (and what other reason can there be), there is criminality in the matter that must be considered.

Let the Grand Jury be not satisfied with a mere presentation. Let it indict the guilty ones, who must be brought to trial.

In the meanwhile light up the tunnel. Every plan for underground rapid transit presented for the consideration of the Rapid Transit Commissioners, and there are several excellent ones, provides that their tunnels shall be lighted by electricity and thoroughly ventilated.

Then light and ventilate the Fourth Avenue Tunnel before there is another disaster.

### WORKS THAN QUINCY.

While workmen were engaged in demolishing the wall of the Fifth Avenue Theatre ruin yesterday the wall suddenly began to sway and then fell with a crash, killing twenty-eight street men and wounding a number of others.

Happily and wondrously no one was injured. It is characteristic of the temper and principles of the American citizen that whatever the accident, if no lives are lost or injuries inflicted on human beings, he has hardly a word to say. One reason doubtless is because the American citizen has time to deal only with facts and not speculation. Something happens and somebody is killed. It is obviously wrong, and there is an indignation. Some thing happens which of the nature might have killed a dozen people, and the only thought is to get back work. What is the use of getting into a ferment based upon an "if."

This is radically wrong. It is puerile and frivolous to have protest thus conditioned. Is the criminality lessened because something calculated to do great injury by a blessed chance does bodily harm to none?

There was ignorance, at least, in the accident yesterday. The intention was to make the wall tumble in, not out. Is it nobody's fault that it fell the wrong way, that it crashed into a street in full use?

Whoever was responsible for the demolition of that wall is subject to grave censure for his fall. It should have been guarded against so that it could not have occurred as it did.

### HEAVY, WASHINGTON.

Mr. WASHINGTON, of Tennessee, has shown himself to be a man of good stuff for a member of the House of Representatives. A Representative who represents in what is desired, in a legislative body. But he should represent that for which he is there and for which alone he should exist. Natural right and justice should be stronger than party feeling.

Mr. WASHINGTON made a gallant fight against the unbecoming of New York City. But Republican partisanship in the clamorous screaming of a Republican official was too strong for him. This does not diminish the merit of Mr. WASHINGTON, who would maintain a great name, and every New Yorker should have a largely increased esteem for him.

### NEW TRANSMISSION MACHINES.

The General Company will also give out a contract for two new kinds of the most approved patterns. Apart from the fact that these new machines are very different from the old ones.

## MAKING BRUSHES.

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hospital and asylum and others from local institutions.

Although preference is given the crippled boy, any hapless fellow who finds himself on the rough side of the road can go to the factory and get employment, with good pay and free keeping, until the storm of adversity blows over.

As Sept. Mathews says, there is no excuse for a boy living on Manhattan Island to beg a penny or a bite. Almsgiving is apt to kill his pride.

The Children's Aid Society has offices all over the city—the policemen know where they are—and if a bootblack, a newsboy or a do-anything-to-get-a-living wants help, the Society will render it cheerfully and without delay.

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